

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Monika JOHANNSEN

Serial No.: 09/335,022

Filed: June 17, 1999

For: **PROCESS FOR PRODUCING
VITAMIN D₃ AND PREVITAMIN D₃**

Examiner: S. Qazi

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New York, New York
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is filed concurrently with a Continuing Prosecution Application pursuant to Rule 53(d). It is believed that no fee is due. If it is determined that a fee is due, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A process for the isolation of vitamin D₃ or previtamin D₃ from a mixture containing vitamin D₃ or previtamin D₃, which process comprises separating the vitamin D₃ or previtamin D₃ by a normal phase column chromatographic technique